

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A monoclonal antibody against a fusion polypeptide comprising a histidine portion, wherein said antibody binds specifically to said histidine portion but not to the non-histidine portion of the fusion polypeptide, and wherein said histidine portion comprises 6-18 successive histidine residues.
2. (Previously presented) The monoclonal antibody of claim 1, wherein said histidine portion comprises 6 successive histidine residues.
3. (Canceled)
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5. (Withdrawn) A process for the preparation of the polyclonal antibody of claim 2, comprising:
 - (a) immunizing an animal with a histidine fusion polypeptide; and
 - (b) collecting said polyclonal antibody from the serum of said animal.
6. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 5, wherein a mixture of different histidine fusion polypeptides is used for immunization.
7. (Withdrawn) A method for detecting a fusion polypeptide having a histidine portion, comprising:

- (a) incubating said polypeptide with the antibody of Claim 1, 2, 3, or 4; and
- (b) detecting the antibody in a detection reaction.

8. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7, wherein the detection reaction is selected from the group consisting of Western blot, ELISA, immunofluorescence, and immunoprecipitation.

9. (Withdrawn) A process for the preparation of the monoclonal antibody of claim 3, comprising:

- (a) immunizing an animal with a histidine fusion polypeptide;
- (b) fusing the animal's spleen cells with myeloma cells to generate hybridoma cells; and
- (c) obtaining said monoclonal antibody from said hybridoma cells.

10. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 9, wherein a mixture of different histidine fusion polypeptides is used for immunization.